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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. WINSTON BROWN

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter, announced today the arrest of former local television personality Winston L. Brown on charges of failure to pay child support for his three minor children.

The Criminal Complaint, filed on September 12, 2005, charges Winston L. Brown, a/k/a Larry Winston Brown, age 56, formerly of Buffalo, New York, and currently residing in Michigan, with violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 228 carrying a maximum penalty of 2 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

It should be noted that "the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. (**Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)**).

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia, who will handle the case, stated that the Criminal Complaint charges defendant Brown with willfully failing to pay in excess of \$70,000 in child support for his three minor children.

Defendant Brown appeared before a United States Magistrate Judge in Michigan this afternoon and is being held in federal custody pending a detention hearing

scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that defendant Brown will be ordered to return to Buffalo, New York to answer to these charges.